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Serial No. 10/005,732

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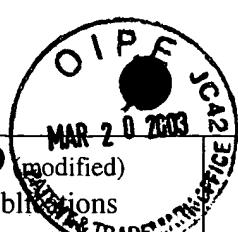
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		4247203	1/1981	Levy et al.			
		4331390	5/1982	Shafer			
		4342503	8/1982	Shafer			
		4556317	12/1985	Sandland et al.			
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		4747678	5/1988	Shafer et al.			
		4749840	6/1988	Piwczyk			
		4779966	10/1988	Friedman			
		4792695	12/1988	Blandford			
		4845558	7/1989	Tsai et al.			
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		5034611	7/1991	Alpern et al.			
A		5052763	10/1991	Singh et al.			
		5112129	5/1992	Davidson et al.			
		5161062	11/1992	Shafer et al.			
		5412219	5/1995	Chappelle et al.			
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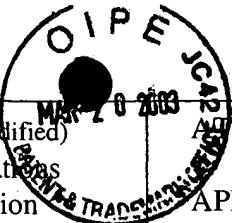
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		86/07148	12/1986	WO			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Offner, "Field Lenses and Secondary Axial Aberration," Applied Optics, Aug. 1969, Vol. 8, No. 8, pp. 1735-1736.

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